

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE B

Everyone agrees that Sacramento County needs better roads and transit. But Measure B isn't a comprehensive transportation plan for addressing our transportation needs. Instead, it's a patch-work scheme developed by politicians and their cronies that will lead to more congestion and will fund the wrong kind of transit spending, while imposing higher taxes on vulnerable low and middle-income families. Measure B would double the current Measure A tax - raising it from $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 1% - while increasing the overall sales tax to 8.5% (county) and 9% (Sacramento city).

This \$3.6 billion, 30-year sales tax hike would fund ill-conceived expansions of light rail to far flung, less dense, less walkable areas. While a \$1 billion expansion of light rail to the airport will add a few new customers, it won't deliver what transit customers want and need: frequent, fast service and more accessible stations.

The tax hike is also expected to fund an unneeded \$195 million streetcar line in Downtown Sacramento – even though local voters overwhelming rejected a proposal to fund the streetcar just last year. A nationally recognized transit expert calls the streetcar “largely an amusement ride for tourists.”

Who wants it? Politically connected Downtown and West Sacramento developers - who want you to subsidize their projects.

Typical county households have experienced a sharp 12% drop in real income since 2007, according to U.S. Census data. Even though the current Measure A tax is reliably generating more revenue each year for transportation spending, politicians want hard-pressed Sacramentans to double the current Measure A tax from $\frac{1}{2}\%$ to a full 1%.

Send a strong message to the politicians: stop corporate welfare and come up with a smarter, fairer, less expensive plan to fix our roads and meet our transit needs. Don't double the tax. Vote NO on Measure B.

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